

OPINION 1835

***Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 (Annelida, Oligochaeta): given precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899**

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Annelida; Oligochaeta; *Macrochaetina*; *Vejdovskyella*.

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 is hereby given precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:

- (a) *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Bohemilla* Vejdovský, 1883, *Bohemilla comata* Vejdovský, 1883, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
- (b) *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy of the replaced nominal genus *Macrochaeta* Bretscher, 1896, *Macrochaeta intermedia* Bretscher, 1896, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *comata* Vejdovský, 1883, as published in the binomen *Bohemilla comata* (specific name of the type species of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (b) *intermedia* Bretscher, 1896, as published in the binomen *Macrochaeta intermedia* (specific name of the type species of *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899).

(4) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology:

- (a) *Bohemilla* Vejdovský, 1883 (a junior homonym of *Bohemilla* Barrande, 1872 and a senior objective synonym of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (b) *Bohemillula* Strand, 1928 (a junior objective synonym of *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903);
- (c) *Macrochaeta* Bretscher, 1896 (a junior homonym of *Macrochaeta* Grube, 1850 and a senior objective synonym of *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899).

History of Case 2908

An application for the conservation of the generic name *Vejdovskyella* Michaelsen, 1903 by giving it precedence over *Macrochaetina* Bretscher, 1899 was received from Dr Tarmo Timm (*Võrtsjärv Linnological Station, Tartumaa, Estonia*) on 29 October 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 51: 302–303 (December 1994). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1995 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 51: 303. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 19: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kraus, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov

Negative votes — 7: Bouchet, Kabata, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Minelli, Štys and Trjapitzin.

Bouchet commented: 'In my view the application fails to demonstrate usage of the name *Vejdovskyella* outside a small field of specialist literature. Priority should apply'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Bohemilla Vejdovský, 1883, *Sitzungsberichte der Königlichen Böhmischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften* (Prag), 1883: 218.

Bohemillula Strand, 1928, *Archiv für Naturgeschichte*, 92(A, 8): 36.

comata, *Bohemilla*, Vejdovský, 1883, *Sitzungsberichte der Königlichen Böhmischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften* (Prag), 1883: 218.

intermedia, *Macrochaeta*, Bretscher, 1896, *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, 3(4): 509.

Macrochaeta Bretscher, 1896, *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, 3(4): 509.

Macrochaetina Bretscher, 1899, *Revue Suisse de Zoologie*, 6(2): 392.

Vejdovskyella Michaelsen, 1903, *Mitteilungen aus dem Naturhistorischen Museum in Hamburg*, 19(2): 184.